



21 August 2011

**Welcome** *A warm welcome to all who join us today in giving worship and praise to our great God and Saviour. May this be a time of growing in grace and strengthening our relationship with the Lord and with each other. Please join us for a cuppa after the service. If you are visiting today, please sign our visitor's Book. We have an information leaflet explaining our church's ministries and activities, feel free to take one or ask for one.*

### WORSHIP TODAY

9:30 AM Pastor Keith Vethaak  
(Pastor Jim in Leongatha )  
Message: Why doesn't God do Something?  
(Matt 26:53)  
Reading: Matthew 26:47-56

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte  
Message: Temptation (Lord's Day 52)  
Reading: James 1:1-18

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte  
6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – COM India Children's Home

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2 – J - Team

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,880.70
Ministry Formation Workgroup	\$462.45

### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Joseph, S. Johnson, C. Berman,  
C. Blik, Kimmer/Wang.

Next Week: J. Esselbrugge, H. Zwaal,  
V. Steendam, R. Painter.

In 2 Weeks: Y. Laverman, J. Iepema, E. Oinonen,  
J. Gully.

In 3 Weeks G. Smedes, C. Span, J. Schapendonk,  
Kimmer/Wang

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: TBA

Next Week: TBA

#### GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening

Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels.

### From the Pastor's Desk

It's Sunday again! another opportunity to come together as God's people in worship, thanks and praise. But when we think of Sunday, when we think of service in his kingdom we can so easily think of it in terms of duty. That way of thinking can be reflected in your response to Him. Did you come to Church this morning with joy in your heart? Did you come with expectation? Or do you think there could be other, 'more pleasant' activities you could spend



the time on? Do you think you would rather be somewhere else?

Our gracious God calls us to serve and worship Him in Church this morning, so that He may bless us, strengthen our understanding of His purpose for our lives and so that we may encourage one another. Let us therefore show one another how glad we are that the Lord welcomes us to His congregation and that together we may praise and thank Him for His mercy and grace.

We extend a special welcome to **Rev Keith Vethaak**, of the Narre Warren congregation, who will lead our service this morning. We thank you, **Keith** for your brotherly love and support and we trust that the Lord will bless you and us as you minister in our midst. I am able to also head off to the vacant Leongatha CRC and lead them in worship. My prayer is that I too can be a blessing and encouragement to them during their time without a Pastor.

### OP SHOP

Our Church Op Shop opens on Thursdays from 11.30am – 4.30pm and Fridays from 10am-4.30pm. We raise money for various local mission projects. Donations can only be dropped off during opening times. Volunteers can contact Anneke Laverman (97005686)

### *Eternity*

The August edition of *Eternity* newspaper is available from the foyer table for you to pickup and read. It is an Australian publication which comes out monthly and contains some very interesting articles wrestling with life and church.

### FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

**THE GRACE GROW GROUP** (Triple G)  
Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 2.00-3.30 pm. Leader is John Nicholson. This week we meet at Regina Gnanathurai's Unit 52 Outlook Gardens Everyone is welcome. Contact on 97956252

### OASIS GROWTH GROUP:

meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month (but not during school holidays) at the Burggraaf's: 7:30 – 9:30 pm. New members welcome to attend. Ph: 9791 2601

### COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY:

The Coffee Break Ladies Bible Study meets each Tuesday during the school term, starting at 10am. All ladies are very welcome to join us. Helen van Garderen.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

now meets fortnightly on alternate Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons. For more information please call Mark Meenks on 0411953821.

### Church Planting

The Church Planting group in Pakenham is meeting again today for prayer and planning. The meeting will be held at 2pm in the Pakenham Baptist Church (1 Bentley Court, Pakenham). For more information see Pastor Jim or Peter Noorbergen.

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## Pastoral and Prayer Points

1. Pray for healing for those who are recovering from surgery this week:  
**Wilma Tiley** who had thyroid and sinus surgery and **Julie de Jong** who also had minor surgery.
2. **John Nicholson** came home after being monitored at hospital last week, but will need to return this week Tuesday for the insertion of a pacemaker. It is good to know that the cause of the problem does have a solution! We can be very grateful for the medical skills and interventions that are possible these days and thank God for these gifts that allow for quality of life to continue.
3. **Support our URY members** as they do the World Vision 40 hour famine this week-end, and show their solidarity for those who constantly live with hunger and in need of food.

### URY

URY, for youth grade 5 and over, will start again on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the church. Everyone welcome.

### Can You Help?

The laptop computer we currently use in church for the data projector is no longer adequate to run DVDs and power point presentations. We have been using peoples personal laptops for these purposes. Due to budgetary constraints FMC cannot purchase one this financial year. The one we need costs \$940. Would anyone in the congregation be able to help by giving a donation towards the cost of this? If you are able to help please put your gift in the offering bag in an envelope labelled "LAPTOP". Thankyou.

### Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held on Saturday 27th August at 2pm in the Boxhill Christian Reformed Church (28 Watts St, Boxhill) for Leonard Percival Maloney. He was known by members for our congregation and has been an elder in the Boxhill congregation and the Reformed Church in Sri Lanka.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Pam Cox	August 22
Marijke de Haan	August 24
Suzan Mut	August 24
Athang Arou	August 26

May God look down and bless you now when your birthday's here, and keep you in His loving care each day throughout the year, and may He grant you happiness In everything you do-- Today, tomorrow, always, every day your whole life through!

### 40Hr Famine

The World Vision 40hr famine concludes at midday today. A number of youth from our congregation (along with 10 URY people) have been going without over the last 40hours. Funds raised through this wonderful awareness campaign will support families in East Timor (just 600km of the coast of Darwin).

It is not too late to sponsor them in their quest. If you want to give then see Zoe and Asher de Witte, Matt Noorbergen or Brianna Capusso and they will happily take your sponsorship money.

### Short Report, Church Council Meeting

Church council met on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July. The meeting was opened with a devotion led by Peter Noorbergen, reflecting on how we are being built to become a dwelling in which God lives, by His Spirit. This reflection led to a period of discussion on the need for mentoring within the church, with not only leadership but the church community as a whole being involved in this process. Pastor Jim is to putting together an outline and thoughts on how to progress this. Council will also consider whether training days could be implemented.

Further feedback was provided by Pastor Jim regarding the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> July to discuss church planting in the greater Pakenham area. This collaborative effort between the churches of Dandenong, Casey, Langwarrin and Wantirna is ongoing.

Corey van Garderen presented the F&M report and tabled the unaudited figures for the previous

financial year. It was also noted that the offer which had been received for the Boronia property had been accepted and that settlement will take place in late August or early September. The F&M committee was thanked for their work over the past year.

The work of our various task groups was discussed. The pastoral reports from Pastor Jim, Henni Burggraaf and the elders as well as the report on the church's involvement at Shawlands highlighted both the needs within and outside our church community.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### **Crossroads Bible Institute (CBI)**

Then Mission Statement of CBI says, 'Crossroad Bible Institute equips the church to disciple people in prison with the Word of God, free of charge, wherever they are incarcerated. It is a personal, in-depth and long-term program that is uniquely designed to help incarcerated persons grow dramatically in a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ, preparing them for and assisting them in successful re-entry upon release.'

They are involved in ministry throughout Australia and across the Pacific region, especially in the Solomon Islands. CBI is a recognised and supported ministry of the CRCA, with our Synod placing them on our recommended offering list.

We have Terry and Christine West worshipping with us this morning. Terry and Christine are field workers for the region, maintaining relationships with prison officials and chaplains, spreading news of the ministry to churches and training instructors. Terry will share with the congregation on the growth and development of the ministry across Australia and how we can support their wonderful work.

### **COM Home**

The COM Home in Chennai, India is a great ministry that is changing lives for Christ and is solely sponsored by the members of this church here in Dandenong. Please continue to keep our COM home in your prayers, particularly for Enoch and Grace who run the home, the teachers and staff who work and volunteer there and especially for all the children

who live there. Currently there are two children who are in need of sponsorship (sponsorship is \$44 a month) if you would like to be apart of this great ministry and sponsor one of these children please see John or Anne Van Breen or the COM notice board for details. Also, if there is anyone willing to be apart of the child sponsorship admin with John and Anne Van Breen your help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like any more info on our COM home in Chennai there is an information board set up in the hall with photos of the children, news and a letter from Enoch and Grace.

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**12 AUGUST 2011**

The Board of the Reformed Theological College is delighted to announce that Rev Dr Martin Williams has been offered the position of Lecturer in New Testament and Greek at the College.

Following discussions with the Faculty, the CRCA and RPCA Deputies, and with input from the RCNZ Deputies, Dr Williams was interviewed by the Board. The Board was unanimous in agreeing that he is well suited to the position. His theological views, ministry experience and gifts fit very well within the RTC context and the Board believes he will be a great blessing to our work of ministry training and theological education.



Dr Williams holds a BMin, a MTh and a PhD in New Testament, with his doctoral dissertation on "The Doctrine of Salvation in the First Letter of Peter: A Theological-Critical Study." As well as being a competent scholar, he has previous lecturing

experience, has been engaged in a mission context in French speaking Cameroon under the auspices of a Korean Presbyterian Church, and is currently engaged in pastoral ministry in Milton, New Zealand.

Martin is married to Joy and they have three children,

Jonathan, Sarah and Hannah.

The Board is deeply thankful to God for answering our many prayers for a suitable Faculty member. We anticipate that Dr Williams will begin at the College in January 2012.

Rev Bill Bosker  
Chairman - RTC Board

## Solomon News

Greetings from Solomon Islands where it is always summer and we have forgotten what jumpers are. We'd like to share with you the following blessings and prayer needs.

**BLESSING:** The Langham Preaching Conference that was held here recently again proved to be a great blessing to all who attended. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> (out of 3) conferences for preachers and about 70 attended. From this group, a few key people have been selected, who will be given specialised training to be able to run these conferences entirely locally. Two training programs are planned for next year.

**PRAYER:** Pray that God will bless this new phase of training for indigenous trainers.

**BLESSING:** Another conference just completed was the LRI Conference (Leadership Resources International). This conference is held for South Seas Evangelical Church leaders and trainers, focusing on theology, preaching, and leadership development. After a week long program twice a year for three years the 15 students graduated last Sunday. The challenge will be for them to pass it on

**PRAYER:** Pray that these SSEC leaders may continue in and pass on what they have learned.

**BLESSING:** Machi, Salome, Jemma, Marty, Carmen and Carine have all been to Russel Islands in Central Province for over a week, running a workshop on sewing, Bible study and a children's program, as well as a local clinic. All that they did has been well received. They also handed over 8 sewing machines (with thanks to those who donated towards the Compassionate Catalogue) for 4 different villages.

**PRAY:** Tammy is an Australian Nurse over here as a volunteer, who went to assist with the clinic work. Pray that she will come to know Christ through those who were on the team.

**BLESSING:** Rob and Jemma Lichtendonk have really made an impact since their arrival here. Jemma has done wonderful things at the SWIM Hospital School, continuing to develop the teachers there. Rob has done a great deal in helping sort our financial accounting system by streamlining work and doing things more efficiently, as well as training Sarah at SWIM and Gabriel at Bethesda in this work. We give thanks to God for them and their willingness to use their many gifts.

**PRAY:** That God will lead them in their time here and guide them in their future, as they seek his will. Pray too that Sarah, Gabriel and the teachers will continue to absorb as much as they can while Rob & Jemma are here.

**BLESSING:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> course at Bethesda is going very well, with 14 students. We have a two new staff helping out, who are doing great. Seth does woodwork, and Helen does agriculture. Added to this, the new layer hens have just come into full production – we have found outlets for the eggs, and starting to generate some positive income.

**PRAY:** As the course draws to a close in 2 weeks, pray for a blessing on the students, all with disabilities, that God will lead them on into a renewed and improved lifestyle when they return home.

**BLESSING:** People are standing by in Tasmania, Queensland and Victoria to come on teams to build the hall and office complex at Bethesda. The first team (concreters) will be here before the end of the month to pour the slab, with the remaining teams coming in September to construct the building. We are waiting for the arrival of the container with some of the building materials and tools.

**PRAY:** For the safe arrival of the container and its clearance, and for the final preparations for the teams to come over. Pray also for safety on the worksite, as well as for things that still need to be prepared.  
Kevin, for all at SWIM & Bethesda